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SUBJ: DEADLOCK CONTINUES ON CONFIRMATION OF
AMBASSADORS

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1. CHILEAN SENATE CONFIRMATION OF 12 CHILEAN AMBASSADORS INCLUDING THOS TO US (CARLOS FORTIN), USSR, FRANCE, CUBA REMAIN PENDING IN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE QUOTED IN AUG 23 PRESS AS OPTIMISTIC THAT "CONVERSATIONS" WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE LEADING TO RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE STALLED CONFIRMATIONS.
2. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RENAN FUENTEALBA (EX-PDC PRESIDENT) REPORTED IN PRESS AUG 24 TO HAVE STATED THAT AGREEMENT ON PROBLEM HAD ALMOST BEEN REACHED WITH FORMER FONMIN LETELIER, BUT THAT FONMIN ALMEYDA HAS SAID NOTHING DEFINITE ON SUBJECT. FUENTEALBA DENIED SPECIFICALLY STORIES THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH PRES ALLENDE.
3. COMMENT. PART OF PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE CREATION BY GOC OF SEREX (SECRETARIA EJECUTIVA DE RELACIONES ECONOMICAS EXTERNAS) TO CONTROL FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS, REMOVING THIS FUNCTION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY. SEREX IS STAFFED WITH UP PARTI-

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SANS, PARTIALLY BYPASSING FOREIGN MINISTRY, CENTRAL BANK,

OTHER AGENCIES TRADITIONALLY INVOLVED WHICH STAFFED LARGELY BY CAREER OFFICERS. AMBASSADORS-DESIGNATE ARE IN EFFECT HOSTAGES FOR LEVERAGE ON GOC IN THIS RELATIVELY SMALL PART OF OVERALL TENSION BETWEEN CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE. OTHER QUESTIONS SUCH AS POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP AND VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS IN APPOINTMENTS TO FOREIGN SERVICE POSITIONS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN PROBLEM.

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